

LOADHOG - Frequently Asked Questions

What sizes, capacities and options are available?

3 Models are available: 6', 6'-6" and 7' widths and one standard length. The deck length, combined with the lip and bumpers, allows access to a large range of trailers, including refrigerated and container trucks. The unique single deck design and raised side housings provides structural integrity allowing LoadHog to handle up to 15,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight.

Does LoadHog occupy much floor space inside the building?

Actually, the footprint of a LoadHog is less than a 6' x 8' pit leveler. Customers who prefer to stage product on their pit leveler can stage nearly the same amount of product in front of a LoadHog. The small footprint also allows easy access for cleaning and routine maintenance.

Does LoadHog have comparable operating abilities of a mechanical pit leveler?

The LoadHog is user friendly and does not require stooping or heavy lifting to operate. To activate simply step on the lock release peddle and lightly push the LoadHog into the trailer. To store the LoadHog, pull on the operating handle and the deck will lift into vertical stored position with a minimal lifting force under 38 lbs.

The LoadHog's working range is 8" above and 4" below dock level, making it compatible with refrigerated, and container trailers. The geometry of the deck and bumper blocks provides lip extension equivalent to an 18" lip on a pit leveler. The percentage grade of the deck (depending upon its position above or below dock) allows use by forklifts and pallet jacks (manual and powered). Finally, the structure is designed to handle 3-wheeled and 4-wheeled forklifts with a Gross Vehicle Weight (Lift + load + attachments) up to 15,000 lbs. where cycle traffic is 5 trailers or less per dock per day, which makes it similar to the GVW recommended for 30,000 and 35,000 lbs. capacity pit levelers. LoadHog does not provide the identical operational capabilities of a mechanical pit leveler but many end users will agree that LoadHog provides sufficient capabilities to satisfy their needs.

Is End-loading possible?

End-loading is accomplished by simply removing the operating handle and repositioning the lip allowing full width access. The 7' wide LoadHog model provides significant width in an end-load situation. Full cube loading is possible.

Does LoadHog provide ergonomic operation?

Yes. Unlike mechanical levelers, EOD's, and portable plates, which require bending and pulling to activate, LoadHog's activation system is designed to be simple to operate, providing more ergonomic activation than its predecessors. Once the trailer is in position against the dock bumpers, the dockworker simply steps on the release pedal and gently pushes forward on the deck. LoadHog only requires approx. 38 pounds of force to lift and store. LoadHog's operating handle pivots up to meet the dockworker, requiring no bending and making it easy to raise the deck. Mechanical pit-style levelers can also be difficult to walk down into position if they are not constantly maintained. The LoadHog is also much easier to position for end-load operations.

Is LoadHog compatible with seals, shelters and restraints?

Yes, LoadHog is compatible. In each case, LoadHog's 18" projection bumpers must be taken into consideration by adding block-outs, extra foam or frame projection on seals and shelters, or by adding 13"-14" stand-offs to wall mounted restraints. Your local distributor can provide you with more information once they conduct a survey of your dock application.

Are there any embeds or special concrete guidelines for LoadHog?

No. Embeds are NOT required. LoadHog mounts to the warehouse floor with only 4 heavy-duty anchor bolts (included). The concrete floor needs to be a minimum of 5" thick. The bumper block assembly mounts to the face of the dock using only 4 heavy-duty anchor bolts per bumper.

Who do I contact for more information or to request a quote?

LoadHog is available exclusively through a select group of 4Front Engineered Solutions Inc. dealers. Contact us at 1-866-696-2464 and a sales representative will direct you to an authorized dealer in your area. You can also log onto www.theloadhog.com, click on **Request Quote** or go to the **Contact Us** page and send us an email asking for more information.